Outflow of IIT graduates to foreign countries

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(a) whether Government have any plans to set up IITs in foreign countries;

(b) whether it is a fact that a large number of IIT graduates migrate immediately after their studies at IITs;

(c) the extent to which Government are thinking of encouraging such an outflow of the students;

(d) whether the high cost of education at IITs being borne by Government is not helping the common man; and

(e) if so, the steps Government would consider to find ways and means to ensure that IIT students work for the country at least for some time?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) to (e) Government has no plans at present to set up IIT's in foreign countries. It is a fact that students from IITs do go abroad for higher studies/employment. However, record of students leaving the country is not maintained by the Ministry. In the present scenario of globalization and liberalization, the movement of technical personnel across the national boundaries is inevitable. Such an outflow is regulated by prevalent market forces internationally.

Investment by the Government in IITs by way of rants-in-aid do help the common man. The free structure at present in place being subsidized one, ensure equity and access to quality higher education. The benefits of the contribution of IIT students trickle down to the common man in many ways such as creation of jobs, improvement in quality of life etc. The IITs also undertake sponsored research in significant areas of development of the Nation. They create and develop technologies, help in developing the infrastructure and economy of the nation which in turn creates jobs and raises the living standards.